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In re Application of:

**RICHARD A MORRIS ET AL.**

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Examiner:

**OMAR F. FERNANDEZ RIVAS**

Art Unit: **2129**

Confirmation No.: **4170**

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

**MAIL STOP: ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir/Madam:

The indication in the Notice of Allowance mailed 26 September 2007 that Claims 2-11, 13-21, and 23-31 of the subject Application, have been allowed, is noted with appreciation. However, the Applicants would like to comment on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

**REMARKS:**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, the Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. The Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, the Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations, or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner.

**CONCLUSION:**

Part B of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form is being filed electronically herewith to facilitate the processing of this deposit account authorization. **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1470.00 for the \$1,440.00 Issue Fee and the \$30.00 fee for ten additional copies of the patent to Deposit Account No. 500777.** No other fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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